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SPECIFICATION

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

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The foregoing description is only exemplary of the principles of the invention. Many modifications and variations of the present invention are possible in light of the above teachings. The preferred embodiments of this invention have been disclosed, however, so that one of ordinary skill in the art would recognize that certain modifications would come within the scope of this invention. It is, therefore, to be understood that within the scope of the appended claims, the invention may be practiced otherwise than as specially described. For that reason the following claims should be studied to determine the true scope and content of this invention.

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ABSTRACT

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A welding apparatus [(10)] for welding two or more overlapping members [(72, 74)] having a tenacious surface oxide layer, the apparatus [(10)] comprising a plasma arc torch [(12)] operable to form a weld pool [(80)] in a work piece [(34)], and weld pool disturbing means operable, in use, to disturb a weld pool [(80)] formed by the plasma arc torch [(12)], the weld pool disturbing means comprising a disturbing member [(56)] which is movable into the weld pool [(80)]. The apparatus [(10)] may include a support member [(58)] adapted to support the weld pool. [(80)]

[Fig. 1]